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EM-TEES "MOTHERS OF FRANCE"

(A scene described by Secretary (Baker.) A country road somewhere in France. A sound of solemn music. There advance An army chaplain and a village priest, Arm linked in arm. Last but not least A group of women soberly arrayed.

Between the front and rear of this parade A file of "Nos amis,"—those Yankee boys.

Between the front and rear of this Who came to succor France. And then The quiet, central figure of the day, Who was he? Who was this who lay Upon his comrades' muscles as if borne In honor from some game where he had torn A glory from defeat?

Well, so he had, Though he was but a simple, soldier-like lad Whose game was war, whose goal his nearing grave.

These women of the France he came to save Had never known his face or heard his name, But when they saw the funeral file, they came, Dropping their daily tasks, to take the place Of his own womankind. His mother's face Shone out from theirs. Almost it seemed that she Had spirited across the wind-washed sea And wept through these sad eyes of Picardy.

Great heart of France! which hath withstood so well The blasts of battles and the hates of hell, Which yet hath grace to spare thy prayers and flowers From thy unnumbered dead to one of ours, Our love is thine!

By heart, by hand, by head, By whatsoever pledge it may be said! By these—thy women mothering our dead!

—Edmund Vance Cooke.

DIRECTORS FOR CANNING COMPANY ARE NAMED

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rogue River Valley Canning company was held at the offices of the company yesterday. Business relative to operations for the coming year was discussed, and the following directors were named: Mayor C. E. Gates, C. M. Kidd, S. L. Brown, W. C. Larned, J. A. Perry, R. D. Hoke and J. D. Bell.

WAR WORRIES UPSET HEALTH

It is agreed by medical authorities that worry affects the digestive organs. When the digestion is out of order, it throws the whole physical being out of gear.

EAT MORE POTATOES AND SAVE THE WHEAT

Oregon has 500 carloads of surplus potatoes, say \$250,000 worth at retail, which will spoil by summer if not eaten. Our soldiers and the allies on the blood-drenched fields of France must have 75,000,000 to 80,000,000 bushels of wheat between now and harvest time or quit fighting.

PORTLAND PAYS TRIBUTE TO JUDGE WM. COLVIG

Medford regained and Portland lost a fine citizen when Judge William M. Colvig returned to his old home in Jackson county this week. For the past few years, Judge Colvig was the trusted and valued tax and right of way agent of the Southern Pacific company, with headquarters in this city.

THE WHITE HATCHERY

BABY CHIX We have the reputation in Petaluma of handling the best baby soap. Let us prove this to you. Buy the Baby Chix, the best. Write for information. Petaluma, California.

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FEUDALISM VS. CIVILIZATION.

THAT THE socialists are standing outside the human race and by their present policy can only initiate a socialist order in heaven, when the whole civilized world is under the heel of the German junker, is the statement made by M. Baranov, one of the most prominent socialists in America, and for 20 years on the editorial staff of the Jewish Daily Forward, the largest socialist daily in the United States, who is disgusted with domination of the party by pro-German pacifists.

In an article in the Forward, Mr. Baranov thus publicly expresses the viewpoint of socialists who have been read out of the party because of their patriotism:

"All mankind is interested in the result of this struggle. It is no longer a capitalistic war, or an imperialistic war, or a nationalistic war. It is a war of humanity.

"It is a war between the Middle Ages and the twentieth century, between feudalism and democracy, between darkness and light. The war was not such at the beginning. It has become what it is lately. It is possible that those that play the leading role in this struggle do not understand it. The Kaiser and Hindenburg evidently do not understand it; they are fighting for the darkness of the Middle Ages. Otherwise they would not have carried on the war with such enthusiasm. The statesmen of the other side are beginning to see this. President Wilson seems to understand best of all that the allies are fighting against the dark forces of medievalism.

"To a war that has assumed such a character only weak theorists, peanut politicians, and narrow-minded egotists can remain neutral. Living beings, men and women who think, must take a stand for the Germans or against them. And thoughtful people can only take one stand: Down with the military and autocratic beast of Germany and Austria. And one program: War until the twentieth century is victorious over the Middle Ages, until democracy has shattered imperialism, until progress has crushed reaction, until light has drowned the darkness.

"And until the human race has been made secure forever against feudalism, reaction and darkness, all—without regard to classes and parties—must stand united and fight on the side of progress. Democracy is light. Progress is in danger. The future of the human race is at stake. To look down upon this gigantic struggle, at such a time from philosophic heights and quibble or even condemn both sides alike is more than idiocy. It is criminal."

DUMPING AN ARMY.

IN THE words of Lloyd George, the United States is literally "dumping an army into France." Practically every available ship is being pressed into service and thousands of men, trained in the cantonments, eager to face the Hun, are daily landed.

How many Americans are there in France? German estimates placed the number of line troops at 220,000 at the beginning of the present offensive five weeks ago. As 60 per cent of the first consignment were not line troops, but engineers, forgers and auxiliaries, the estimate is probably not far off.

Secretary Baker states that by the end of the year, 3,200,000, perhaps more, can be transported. Probably the number will total a million by July 1, and 1,600,000 by September. In all probability, the monthly draft call replaces the troops sent abroad. For May the draft call exceeds 300,000, with a still larger call looming for June. Every man landed now is worth ten next year and the president is straining every resource to put every available man in France. In the draft are 1,800,000 in Class 1 available for active duty, and every man may expect a call to the colors before the summer is over.

Correspondents in France state that the volume of khaki clad arrivals surpasses in numbers anything yet seen. Cantonments are developing over night. Railroad extensions and spurs develop as if by magic. Old French villages, which have not before seen Americans, are extending a royal welcome, while the troops are continuing training before being ordered to the front line to share in the fighting.

And when the Americans get into action in force, the knell of doom will sound for the Kaiser's dream of world domination.

SCENE FROM THE "BEAST OF BERLIN," AT PAGE THEATER WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY



EXTEND WAR RISK INSURANCE TO COVER NON-COMBATANTS

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Extension of the war risk insurance law to make more liberal the payment of benefits to the dependent relatives of soldiers is provided in a bill by Representative Sims of Tennessee, now under consideration by the house interstate and foreign commerce committee. Under the proposed amendments, which are recommended by the war risk bureau, the conscientious objector who is discharged from service is left without benefits. Other honorably discharged soldiers, except those dismissed for coming under the enemy alien restrictions, are permitted to retain the insurance benefits. Those discharged after discovery is made that they are enemy aliens will be dealt with so far as the insurance is concerned, the same as the conscientious objector.

Under the amendments payment of compensation is broadened to meet all disabilities incurred while in the active service of the United States. The original measure provided only for the payment of compensation for injuries received in the performance of duty. The only restriction now proposed is that compensation will not be paid where injuries have been suffered because of "willful misconduct." Payment of compensation to mothers and fathers of soldiers who are dependent also is proposed. Under the existing statute only mothers who are widows are eligible for compensation.

TO INDICT DEPORTERS OF BISBEE MINERS

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Investigation by the department of justice of the deportation of 1188 copper mine workers from Bisbee and the Warren district of Arizona last July has developed apparent violations of the law, it was disclosed today, and Assistant Attorney General William C. Pitts and Oliver E. Pagan, special attorney for indictment cases, have gone to Tucson, Ariz., where a United States grand jury is in session.

CATARRAH DEAFNESS MAY BE OVERCOME.

If you have Catarrhal Deafness or head noises go to your druggist and get 1 ounce of Parmit (double strength), and add to it 1/2 pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day. This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and the sinuses stop dripping into the throat. It is easy to prepare, costs little and is pleasant to take. Anyone who has Catarrhal Deafness or head noises should give this prescription a trial. Health's Drug Store, Strang's Drug Store, Haskins' Drug Store, Medford Pharmacy, West Side Pharmacy. —Adv.

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GERMAN PAPER ADMITS SUCCESS OF BRITISH RAID

LONDON, May 7.—That the recent British attack on the German submarine base at Zebrugga was successful is admitted by the Frankfurter Zeitung. The newspaper urges that the German navy take measures to deal "with an antagonist of remarkable boldness."

"It would be foolish to deny," it says, "that the British fleet scored a great success through a fantastically audacious stroke in penetrating into one of the most important strongholds over which the German flag floats. However unpleasant it may be, we

must admit frankly that the enemy ships actually entered the port of Zebrugga. That being so, there is no reason why they should not believe a similar feat at other times. It therefore behooves our navy command to be alert, for we have to deal with an antagonist of remarkable boldness."

MAY STOP GERMAN TRAVEL IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Final draft of regulations for registering German women in this country today went to Attorney General Gregory for approval and probably will be announced within a week. The date for registering the women then will be set.

The department of justice is considering further regulations forbidding the traveling of Germans from one locality to another without a special permit.

With Medford trade is Medford made

NEW NORWEGIAN LINER DUE HERE

AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 7.—The newest Norwegian trans-Atlantic passenger steamship, the Stavangerfjord, 12,500 gross tons, built in England for the Norwegian-American line, is expected to arrive in the United States within 24 hours.

The Stavangerfjord is on her first voyage, approaching America without passengers, cargo or mails. She will be put into passenger service at once. The Stavangerfjord is a twin-screw ship 550 feet long and 64 feet wide.

Why Women Dread Old Age

Don't worry about old age. Don't worry about being in other peoples way when you are getting on in years. Keep your body in good condition and you can be as hale and hearty in your old days as you were when a kid, and every one will be glad to see you. The kidneys and bladder are the causes of senile afflictions. Keep them clean and in proper working condition. Drive the poisonous wastes from the system and avoid uric acid accumulations. Take GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules periodically and you will find that the system will always be in perfect working order. Your spirits will be enlivened, your muscles made strong and your face have once more the look of youth and health.

There is only one guaranteed brand of Haarlem Oil Capsules, GOLD MEDAL. There are many makes on the market. Be sure you get the Original GOLD MEDAL Imported Haarlem Oil Capsules. They are the only reliable. For sale by all first-class druggists. —Adv.

FIGURES WRONG, WEST DECLARES

Candidate Challengas Valuations Placed on Public Utility Corporations.

To the Taxpayers of Oregon: The following article is self-explanatory, and contains indisputable facts, taken from the public records of the state:

The public service commission places the total valuation of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, for the five counties of Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Polk and Washington, on all its operating property, at \$46,862,971.02. The state tax commission placed a valuation, after deducting the county ratios, on this same property, at \$14,609,322.55. The gas plant at Salem, as an individual concern, was given a valuation of \$211,000 by the public service commission, while the state tax commission's valuation, after applying the county ratio, was \$61,200.

The public service commission gave the California-Oregon Power company of Southern Oregon a valuation of \$2,717,174, while the state tax commission placed the valuation of this company's property at \$468,450.30, after applying the county ratios. This company operates in Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath counties. These are only two instances.

What I want to show is the inequality of the valuations of the public utility properties with that of the private corporations and individuals. These corporations as assessed by the state tax commission and the valuations given them by the public service commission should be the same.

The state treasurer is an ex-officio member of the state tax commission, and if I am nominated and elected to the office of state treasurer these conditions will be remedied. The people of Marion county know I play no favorites. I therefore ask your support and vote at the primaries on May 17. (Paid Adv. by Ben F. West.)

FOR SALE

BY BROWN & WHITE Dealers in Farm Lands, Orchards and City Properties. 10 So. Fir.

Six acres, all under cultivation. Cop in, good small house, etc., water right, on paved highway, a splendid value and the price is right. Stock ranch fully equipped, 75 acres in alfalfa, two sets of buildings, tractor, hay scales, fine band of sheep goes with place at \$150.00 per acre.

Advertisement for '2 IN 1 SHOE POLISHES'. Features an illustration of a man in a top hat and a woman. Text includes 'THE CALL TO ACTION', 'KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT', and 'LIQUIDS AND PASTES. FOR BLACK, WHITE, TAN, DARK BROWN OR OX-BLOOD SHOES. PRESERVE THE LEATHER. THE F. F. DALLEY CORPORATION, LIMITED, BUFFALO, N. Y.'

Advertisement for 'ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER'. Features an illustration of a man cleaning a rug. Text includes 'There was a man in our town And he was wondrous wise! He jumped into some dirty rugs And put out both his eyes. And when he found his eyes were out, With all his main and might, He bought a Vacuum Cleaner And got his second sight. The great Annual "Schmutz Fest" comes along very shortly—the "Dirty Pest" of the year—spring housecleaning! Some (a good many, in fact) are immune. They have no Annual Cleaning. They are annually clean. They have an ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER. It certainly is a "second sight" in home-cleaning—an insight into a new order of housekeeping. Carpets, rugs, draperies, upholstery, clothing—any fabric—cleaned, wax, wool, ing and bottom, thru and thru, just like new! Cleans and dusts in the one operation and in a time-fraction of the broom-dustpan-drudgery way. And you don't know you're buying it. Under our proposition, Our Vacuum Cleaner earns its own "board and keep." Phone—Post Card. PAUL'S ELECTRIC STORE Medford, Or